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In the Drawings:

Please replace drawing sheet 2/3 containing Figures 3, 4 and 5 with the attached replacement sheet. No new matter has been added. Belt drive platform 4 and drive spool 42 are illustrated in Figure 5 for clarity.

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Remarks

Claims 2 through 24 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 is cancelled, claims 2 and 21 are amended and new claims 25 through 30 are presented.

The applicant thanks Examiner DeMille for scheduling and conducting a telephone March 14, 2007. During that interview the pending \$112 rejection was discussed. It was decided that Figure 5 should be modified to illustrate the relationship between the belt drive platform the drive spool and the belt cartridge. The examiner agreed that this change should overcome the pending rejection. The pending \$102 rejection was discussed and it was determined that the buckles of Bystrom do not engage the drive spool and that amendment of claims 2 and 21 to add the limitation of the pull straps engaging the drive spool should overcome this rejection. It was also discussed that the above changes should also overcome the pending \$103 rejections over Bystrom for the same reasons. Applicant has made the agreed amendments.

In the pending office action claims 1 through 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C \$112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description. The examiner asserts the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1 through 24 are fully supported by the specification. Beginning on page 10, line 31, the specification

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indicates how the spline allows removable attachment of the belt. Specifically, the specification indicates the spline fits within a slot provided in the drive spool. Hence, the spline allows removable attachment of the belt through use of a slot provided in the drive spool.

Figures 2 and 5 and their relationship have been misapprehended. As discussed in the specification on page 9, starting at line 15, the belt cartridge fits within a channel beam 45 in the drive platform. The cover plate is secured to and aligned within the channel beam. Hence, the belt cartridge is disposed within the drive platform when coupled to the drive platform. As discussed in the interview with the examiner, Figure 5 is amended to illustrate the relative positions of the belt drive platform, the drive spool and the belt cartridge. Since the limitations of claims 1 through 24 are fully supported by the specification as indicated above, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1 through 24 under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting. Upon receipt of a notice of allowance for any of claims 1 through 24, an appropriate terminal disclaimer for co-pending patent application 10/686,186, will be filed to obviate this provisional rejection.

Claims 1 through 4, 6, 7, 15 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Bystrom et al., Resuscitation and Alert System, U.S. patent 6,090,056 (July 18, 2000). Claim 1 is cancelled and claims 2 and 21 are amended to clarify that the pull straps engage the drive spool. Bystrom does not teach or suggest using buckles 4L and 4R to engage the drive spool.

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Thus the rejection with respect to claims 2 and 21 should be withdrawn. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 15 depend from amended claim 2 and thus the rejection with respect to these claims should also be withdrawn.

Claims 9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Bystrom under the assertion Bystrom teaches the fasteners can be other conventional means and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Bystrom to use other obvious equivalent fastening means such as hook and loop fastening. Claims 9 and 22 depend from amended claims 2 and 21 respectively and thus this rejection should be withdrawn as discussed above.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Bystrom in view of Meister, Artificial Respirator, U.S. patent 2,486,667 (Nov. 1, 1949) under the assertion it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Bystrom to include a compression pad as taught by Meister. Claim 8 depends from amended claim 2 and thus this rejection should be withdrawn as discussed above.

Claims 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Bystrom in view of Kuroshaki et al., Artificial Respirator, U.S. patent 5,660,182 (Aug. 1, 1991) under the assertion Kuroshaki teaches the outer most layer is formed of nylon pile including fibers finely corrugated in the longitudinal direction and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Bystrom to use the nylon as taught by Kuroshaki. Claims 13 and 14 depends from amended claim 2 and thus this rejection should be withdrawn as discussed above.

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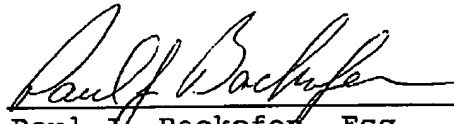
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Conclusion

This response has addressed all of the Examiner's grounds for rejection. The rejections based on prior art have been traversed. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

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